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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged in the West and East, but higher in the Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderately good for the available offerings. Overall, supplies of all sizes were in balance to well cleared, due in part to the affects of hot humid weather. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to fairly good for weekend needs. Breast items were adequate to tight, dark meat and wings were well cleared to short. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable to light.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 14-AUG-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	59.00-70.00	64.85	26
New York	63.00-66.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	68.00-70.00	55.00-79.00	69.79	93

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
947	68.00-72.00	69.77
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	160.50	957
BREASTS - B/S	143.00	5,250
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.00	1,228
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	820
LEG QUARTERS	39.50	8,132
WINGS	88.50	2,541

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was generally steady in the West, but firm in the Midwest and East. Demand was reported as fair to good for weekend business. Supplies were in close balanced and noted as well cleared at most locations, due in part to the affects of weather. In the parts structure, interest was fairly good with wings balanced to barely adequate, dark meat was clearing and reported as adequate to short, white meat items were easily clearing and in good balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at usually desirable to light weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderately good to good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were well cleared to short and where available held with confidence. Thighs, boneless skinless thighs, and tenders were in good balance to closely cleared.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was steady to firm. Early trading reported on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices, however new negotiations reported at mainly higher prices for next weeks' delivery. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was fair as buyers evaluate needs. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was steady to firm on parts. White meat items in the strongest position.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority price for next week's delivery in Chicago was 3 cents over last Monday's majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings of additional whole fryers were barely adequate to tight on all product sizes with buyer needs going unfulfilled. Retail demand was light to moderate at best with active promotions pulling best interest. Movement into distributive channels was light to moderate with fast food channels experiencing fair to good activity. Floor stocks were balanced to short. Supplies of wings were tight, bone in and boneless skinless breasts were barely adequate, and adequate on leg quarters. The trade sentiment was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on breast cuts, and generally steady on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued moderately good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules reduced by spot downtime today were offset somewhat by operations planned for Saturday and were moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast cuts were no more than adequate. Bone-in and boneless skinless thighs were generally well cleared. Wings were adequate to well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	08/07/06 - 08/11/06 (A)
	08/08/05 - 08/12/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	08/07/06 - 08/11/06 (A)
	08/08/05 - 08/12/05 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	655	118.00-188.00	124-126	128.49	671	120.00-192.00	130-135	132.69	3,354	127.41
TENDERLOINS	158	122.00-178.00	125-129	127.68	213	127.00-188.00	129-132	130.42	1,130	125.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	72.00-79.00	75-76	75.24	194	76.00-92.00	79-82	82.76	692	76.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				270	66.57
LEGS	188	44.00-58.00	45-46	45.87	186	44.00-53.00	45-46	46.12	946	46.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	640	33.00-38.00	36	35.88	680	33.00-38.00	35-36	35.76	3,097	35.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	835	34.00-41.00	37-38	37.28	945	35.00-41.00	37-38	37.69	4,014	37.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	82.00-89.00	85-88	86.35	285	88.00-92.00	-	89.05	1,405	87.13
WINGS (CUT)	285	102.00-108.00	104-106	105.30	370	104.00-110.00	106-108	106.55	1,540	104.68
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				281	43.09
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				274	36.46
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				490	84.21

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 53.50	50.78	49.50 - 55.50	53.22	51.10

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** -Trucklot buying interest was fairly good to good. Offerings of breast items and tenders were barely adequate to short. Thighs, boneless skinless thighs and wings were in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to fairly good. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, thighs, boneless skinless thighs and tenders; at least steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	140	124.27	602,720		140	129.25	731,030	124.58	3,187,238
TENDERLOINS	135	120.27	186,120		135	119.00	223,700	118.73	1,056,929
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	82.74	107,640		79-80	86.94	70,920	84.24	388,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	81.25	72,000		79	81.90	90,000	80.83	423,000
LEGS	49-50	46.38	115,460		49-50	47.57	188,400	46.92	792,100
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.33	363,160		38-39	39.11	357,360	38.92	1,581,420
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.10	132,880		37-38	40.11	153,207	40.85	680,027
THIGHS	32-33	41.69	78,880		32-33	43.87	50,640	40.28	336,890
B/S THIGHS	89-90	86.69	118,920		89-90	87.51	151,760	85.88	592,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	85.47	254,200		92-93	89.95	199,280	86.99	1,090,540
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.87	18,000		10-12	11.80	19,480	11.87	88,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	24.33	18,720		30-35	26.56	21,560	26.12	78,740
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.80	22,600		50-55	55.50	28,360	55.37	115,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG
	08/11	08/10	08/09	08/08	08/09	08/08	08/04	08/02	WTS
Alabama	3,935	3,918	3,904	4,048	5.19	5.24	4,293	5.17	
Arkansas	4,584	5,368	5,207	5,335	5.16	5.21	5,126	5.08	
Delmarva	2,200	2,211	2,278	2,559	5.46	5.58	2,503	5.56	
KY-LA-TN	2,555	2,276	2,257	2,305	4.93	4.97	2,250	4.92	
Mississippi	3,337	2,830	2,771	2,792	5.79	5.73	3,525	5.82	
North Carolina	2,675	2,648	2,591	2,448	6.55	6.45	2,447	6.52	
Texas	2,532	2,523	2,280	2,403	5.46	5.30	2,540	5.28	
Total	21,818	21,774	21,288	21,595	5.46	5.45	22,684	5.43	
Mon-Fri	109,264(A)						108,826(A)		
Saturday	1,078 (included in total for date shown)						1,212		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Aug-06 and 12-Aug-06 is estimated to be 32,642,000 head down 4.11 percent from a week ago and down -5.92 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,040,000, last year 34,695,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 12-Aug-06 is estimated to be 162,381,000 head up 0.18 percent from a week ago, and down 3.75 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,092,000, last year 168,700,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-103
	DRY PACK 108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 102-109
DUCKS	185-190

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 29-Jul-06 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	27,769	23,476	50,572
Avg Weight	3.68	4.77	6.28
% of total /1	27%	23%	50%

#### Comparisons

Last week	27,967	20,214	53,355
Avg Weight	3.85	4.68	6.29
% of total /1	28%	20%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,335	24,031	43,556
Avg Weight	3.69	4.85	6.39
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%

To date/2006	807,238	591,097	1,598,546
To date/2005	828,957	674,402	1,457,836

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 05-AUG-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	162,092	1,028	1,561	2,589	488
Avg Wt	5.31	3.42	8.22	6.31	6.08
Last week	161,268	1,040	1,487	2,527	498
Same wk yr ago	169,836	1,274	1,703	2,977	511
Avg Wt	5.28	3.41	7.80	5.92	6.77
To-date/2006	4,988,138	34,955	45,550	80,505	15,703
To-date/2005	4,980,304	47,111	43,644	90,755	15,374

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.1 million head, or 0.3 million more than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	170.6	162.5	105%	5.24
8	141.1	162.3	87%	5.37
15	162.4	163.7	99%	5.34
22	164.8	164.1	100%	5.29
29	163.2	164.0	100%	5.22
August	164.1	163.8	100%	5.31
Year to date	5048.7	5080.6	99%	
August	12	164.2		
19		164.3		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

##### Under Federal Inspection

W/E	08/12/06	08/05/06	% CHG	08/13/05	% CHG
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Broilers	162,381	162,092*	+0.18	168,700*	-3.75
Cattle	677	623	+09	629*	+08
Hogs	1,888	1,902	-01	1,911*	-01

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 07-AUG-2006

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56.00-66.00	61.00-63.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.25	68.00-73.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 07-AUG-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** August 08, 2006

**\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\***

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.05
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.05
Goats	50.00 - 60.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.35 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - .90
Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 1.45
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .50ea.
Silkie	- 1.50ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.45 - .70
Pigeons	2.85 - 3.10ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.10ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.35
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.20
Bunnies	2.50 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 5.00ea.

**Total Coops Sold 560**

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading on heavy cannery was too few to report; generally unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings ranged adequate to ample for the generally light and cautious buyer interest; with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was light to no better than fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

18-27 MAJORITY 22-24

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

19-29 MAJORITY 24-25

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-11	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Transfer of spent leghorn fowl was light and TFEWR. Demand was slow with offerings fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Disposal costs were expected to be constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was sluggish into slaughter processors with demand into rendering operations light to fairly good. Offerings were fully

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10.5	5.5-10

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant worked light to moderate slaughter schedules. Offerings were in fair balance with current needs.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-06

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was light to fair. The undertone was no better than steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Heavy fowl trading was TFEWR. Demand remained light for at least adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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